

Self-Gov - Nursing, State Board of Nursing Board

Description:

The mission of the Idaho Board of Nursing is to regulate nursing practice and education for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. License qualified persons for the practice of nursing.

A. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Examination (RN/PN)

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
310/166	365/153	379/185	401/207
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
400/150	400/150	400/150	400/150

B. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Endorsement

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
737	734	702	677
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
600	500	500	500

C. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Reinstatement

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
90	126	122	122
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
90	90	90	90

D. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - APPN licensure.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
92	88	103	71
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
80	80	80	80

E. Issue licenses as defined by statute and rule - Renewal

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
RN 10,529	PN 5,697 PN 2,736 A 197	R 5,540 P 912 A 371	R 4,921 P 2,549 A 211
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
R 7,000 P 900 A 500	R 5,000 P 2,000 A 200	R 7,000 P 900 A 600	R 5,000 P 2,000 A 200

2. Define and regulate nursing practice at all levels.

A. Investigate complaints received and initiate action as appropriate/consistent with Board policies/rules.

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
63	71	74	79
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
75	75	75	75

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B. Administer program for recovering nurses. (*Outside contractor) (New enrollees and continuations)

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
68	76	71	80
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
75	75	75	75

C. Administer the contract for training/testing/registry for Nursing Assistants. (Active/Inactive) *Contact terminated (10/01/01)

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
11,571/13,424	11,249/15,253	11,423/15,313	*
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
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3. Regulate educational programs preparing graduates for practice at all levels.

A. Survey, review and approve nursing education programs based on established criteria (surveys/approvals).

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
11/17	4/18	3/12	3/16
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
5/23	5/23	5/23	5/23

4. Obtain and exchange of information related to licensure, practice and education.

A. Collaborate in the development, implementation, evaluation, of strategies. Facilitate communication between the Board of Nursing and consumers. (Number of Meetings/Program attendance)

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
27	54	45	26
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
40	40	40	40

B. Increase access to nursing-related information. (Number of Meetings/forums conducted)

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
19	22	51	36
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
30	30	30	40

C. Provide public access to practitioner data (PFI/HIPDB).

Actual Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
667	800	684	786
Projected Results			
2004	2005	2006	2007
725	725	725	726

Program Results and Effect:

The Board:

1. Licenses qualified persons for the practice of nursing through processes of initial licensure by examination and endorsement; and through processes of ongoing licensure by renewal and reinstatement.
2. Defines and enforces scope and standards of practice for licensed nurses, investigates complaints alleging violations of these standards and initiates disciplinary action when appropriate.
3. Provides an alternative to disciplinary action for those licensees whose practice may be impaired due to chemical dependence and/or mental illness, and who may safely return to active practice under conditions of strict monitoring.
4. Evaluates educational programs preparing graduates for practice at all levels to assure consistency with established criteria.
5. Exchanges and provides information related to licensure, practice and education to assure that the licensees, employers and health care consumers are informed about provisions of nursing-related statute and rules.
6. Educates staff and members about key issues impacting nursing regulation in Idaho to assure that decisions made by the Board are based on up-to-date information, research and state/national trends.

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